



BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001

Benton , Minnesota [27009]

Benton is one of 87 counties in Minnesota. It is part of the [St. Cloud, MN \(MSA\)](#). Its 2001 population of 35,690 ranked 25th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Benton had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$26,406. This PCPI ranked 28th in the state and was 81 percent of the state average, \$32,631, and 86 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.7 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.9 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Benton was \$15,006 and ranked 69th in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Benton had a total personal income (TPI) of \$942,439*. This TPI ranked 24th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Benton was \$463,807* and ranked 30th in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 9.3 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 2.9 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.1 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Benton. In 2001 net earnings accounted for 70.0 percent of TPI (compared with 69.8 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.5 percent (compared with 17.6 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 11.5 percent (compared with 12.6 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings increased 8.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 11.7 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 7.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Benton increased from \$511,837* in 2000 to \$565,361* in 2001, an increase of 10.5 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 3.0 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$265,882* to the 2001 estimate was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.3 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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